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NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Agricultural Assistance Scheme has been launched in West Bengal and North Eastern States;

(b) if so, the number of farmers, crops and agricultural land covered under the scheme in these States;

(c) the criteria followed to decide the rate of premium under the scheme, crop-wise; and

(d) the details of financial liabilities shared by the Centre and States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) is being implemented in West Bengal and four States, viz. Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Sikkim of North Eastern Region.

(b): A statement indicating number of farmers, area and crop covered since inception of the scheme in each State is annexed.

(c): As per provision of the scheme flat rates ranging between 1.5% and 3.5% (of sum insured) for food and oilseed crops and actuarial rates for annual commercial/horticultural crops, are being charged from the farmers under the scheme.

(d): The financial liability on account of claims (for food & oilseeds crops over and above the premium generated and for annual commercial/horticultural crops above 150% of the premium collected);premium subsidy (10% of premium to small and marginal farmers);bank service charges (2.5% of premium collected from non-loanee farmers)and Administrative & Operational (A & O) expenses 20% of total A & O expenses) as provided under the scheme are shared by the Central and the State Governments in the ratio of 50:50.